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- 1. AS DEPARTMENT AND KABUL ARE AWARE, AMBASSADOR AND OTHER SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS URGED ON GOP OFFICIALS FROM PRIME MINISTER ON DOWN THAT THEY ACT WITH RESTRAINT AND MODERATION IN THEIR HANDLING OF SENSITIVE ISSUE OF PAK RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN. WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY URGED MODERATION IN THE LEVEL AND TONE OF PAK PROPAGANDA.
- 2. WE CONSIDER IT UNWISE, HOWEVER, TO TIE OUR COUNSEL TO SUCH SPECIFICS AS THE ATTACK ON PRESIDENT DUAD REPORTEDLY MADE BY THE QUETTA STATION OF RADIO PAKISTAN ON NOVEMBER 3 AND CALLED TO EMBASSY KABUL'S ATTENTION BY THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. TO DO SO WOULD ONLY BE TO INVITE THE PAKS TO ASK US IN TURN TO PROTEST TO THE GOA OTHER "OUTRAGES" PERPETRATED BY KABUL. WE (AND EMBASSY KABUL) WOULD SOON FIND OURSELVES SADDLED WITH THE UNTENABLE AND UNPRODUCTIVE TASK OF JUDGING THE VALIDITY AND COMPARATIVE MERIT OF CHARGES AND COUNTERCHARGES WITHOUT HAVING ACCESS TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FULL EVIDENCE NEEDED TO MAKE SUCH JUDGMENTS.

3. DEPARTMENT AND KABUL CAN BE ASSURED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE OUR PRACTICE OF URGING RESTRAINT IN THE NON-SPECIFIC MANNER WE CONSIDER MOST EFFECTIVE. BYROADE	
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